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- Azetidinone derivatives.
- (3) 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R1 is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, an

optionally substituted phenethyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted benzyl group or a bis(alkoxycarbonyl)ethyl group, and R² is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group or an optionally substituted phenyl group, are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents.

AZETIDINONE DERIVATIVES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity.

10 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Although some compounds having azetidinone skeleton which show antibacterial activity have been known in the past, any azetidinone derivative showing blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity has not been yet reported.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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As a result of earnest researches to blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity of the compounds having an azetidinone skeleton, the present inventors have found novel 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity, and the present invention has been completed.

An object of the present invention is to provide 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathbb{R}^2 \\
\mathbb{R}^2 \\
\mathbb{R}^1
\end{array}$$

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, L is 1 or 2. R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

45 (wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

(wherein R³ is a lower alkyl group), and R² is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

Other object of the present invention is to provide blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing the compound of formula I.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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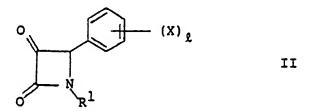
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In the present invention, the term "lower alkyl group" refers to straight or branched chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group, an isopropyl group, a butyl group, an isobutyl group, a tert-butyl group and the like. The term "cycloalkyl group" refers to a cyclopentyl group and a cyclohexyl group. The term "lower alkoxy group" refers to those having 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a propoxy group and the like. The term "halogen atom" refers to a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom and an iodin atom. The term "lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group" refers to those such as, for example, a methoxycarbonylmethyl group, an ethoxycarbonylmethyl group and the like.

Preferred compounds of formula I are those wherein X is a hydrogen atom, R^1 is a benzyl group or a chlorobenzyl group, and R^2 is a nitrophenyl group.

The compounds of the present invention can be easily prepared, for example, by a reaction (i.e., Wittig Reaction) of a compound represented by the general formula



wherein R1, X and I are as defined above, with a Wittig reagent represented by the general formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}\left(\mathbb{C}_{6}^{H_{5}}\right)_{3}} \mathbb{III}$$

wherein R2 is as defined above.

Reaction solvents used in this reaction are those used in the ordinary Wittig Reaction such as, for example, benzene, ethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, chloroform, methylene chloride, dimethoxyethane and the like. The reaction temperature is from -30°C to the temperature of the boiling point of the solvent used, preferably from 0°C to 30°C. The reaction time depends on the starting material, the Wittig reagent or the reaction temperature, but usually it is from 2 to 48 hours, and the reaction may be stopped after the disappearance of the starting material observed by using thin layer silica gel column chromatography.

Configuration of the oxyalkylidene substituent of especially useful compounds of the present invention is E-form, and the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-configuration is di-form.

Some of the compounds of formula il ar known, and some are new and can be prepared by the methods described in the literature [e.g., Tetrahedron Letters, Vol. 25 (No. 42), page 4733 (1984)].

It is recognized that the compounds of the present invention have excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and very poor bleeding tendency as side-effect, and therefore, they are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents. For the purpose, these compounds can be administered orally or parenterally in a conventional dosage form such as tablets, powders, granules, capsules, solutions, emulsions, suspensions, injectional solutions and the like, each of which can be prepared by conventional pharmaceutical practices.

The dosage used as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting ag nts to human depends on the age, weight or response of patient, administration route or time of administration, but usually it may be from 10 to 3000 mg per day.

The LD₅₀ of the compound of formula I in mouse is more than 5000 mg/kg.

Next, the following experiments illustrate concretely excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and prolongation effect of bleeding time of the compound of the present invention.

15 Experiment 1 [invitro test in rabbit]

Citrated blood (one volume of 3.2% sodium citrate; 9 volumes of blood) was collected from carotid artery of male, New Zealand strain house rabbit, centrifuged at 150 g for 15 minutes to give platelet rich plasma (PRP) as a supernatant, and the remaining blood was centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 minutes to give platelet poor plasma (PPP) as a supernatant. The platelet count of PRP was adjusted to 50 - 60 × 10⁴/µl by dilution of PPP. Blood platelet aggregation was carried out according to the method of Born [Born, G.V.R., Nature, 194, 927 (1962)]. Namely, 25 µl of the test drug, (all the test drugs were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide and adjusted to the desired concentration with physiological saline solution), was added to 250 µl of PRP, and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 3 minutes. 25 µl of the aggregation inducing substance [adenosine diphosphate (ADP); final concentration 5 µM or collagen: final concentration 5 µg/ml] was added, the mixture was measured for 5 minutes by blood platelet aggregation ability measurement apparatus (Aggricoda TM-PA-3210, Kyoto Dai-ichi Kagaku) to obtain the maximum aggregation rate, and there was calculated the concentration of the test drug (IC₅₀) which brings about 50% inhibition to the maximum aggregation rate obtained by adding the aggregation inducing substance to PRP containing the solvent only.

The compound numbers in Table 1 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

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Table 1

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	Compound	IC ₅	0 (x hW)	Compound	IC ₅	(м им) о
10	No.	ADP	Collagen	No.	ADP	Collagen
	1	33	14	43	14.0	7.7
	2	28	32	44	10.3	7.3
15	- 4	13	16	45	4.4	5.2
75	5	24	23.5	52	7.9	_
	6	24	18	53	4.9	-
	7	12	23	54	. 11.2	15.5
20	8	9.2	13.6	55	10.5	8.3
	9	15	12	56	2.9	6.5
	10	36	26	67	27.7	11.0
25	11	>30	22	68	13.6	7.5
	12	5.6	4.7	75	3.8	5.4
	15	21.5	16.6	76	14.3	10.5
30	16	12.5	4.1	77	4.3	2.9
	17	7.7	5.0	78	6.2	8.3
	18	6.6	3.2	79	4.3	5.1
	21	30.9		80	7.4	10.9
35	22	41.3	-	81	-5.5	7.0
	24	6.4	-	85	17.7	14.4
	25	11.1	6.6	86	6.2	5.3
40	26	16.5	9.5	91	9.7	6.7
,	29	9.0	8.1	92	7.3	6.5
	32	3.5	3.8	93	18.3	8.7
45	33	11.9	12.5	94	8.0	6.9
	34	8.2	6.6	95	15.4	2.5
	37	21.2	17.8	96	3.9	3.7
	38	9.0	4.6	97	16.0	3.2
50	39	>30	>30	98	11.2	8.8
	40	11.3	13.2	103	18.5	6.7
	41	4.2	5.1	papaverin	>100	>100
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Experiment 2 [prolonging test of the bleeding time in mouse]

Six male ICR strain mice weighing 20 g for each group were administered orally with 300 mg/kg of the test drug (all the test drugs were used in the form of the suspension in 0.5% CMC). Two hours after administration, 5 mm of the tail from the top was cut under pentobarbital anesthesia, and the bleeding was observed by tapping at the cutting site with a filter paper every 15 seconds. The time when the bleeding was observed stopping for one minute is defined as the arrest point of bleeding, and the duration required from the time when the cutting was done to the arrest point of bleeding is defined as the bleeding time. The observation was carried out up to 1200 seconds. Ticlopidine was used as a positive control.

The results were shown in Table 2. The compound numbers in Table 2 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

Table 2

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Compound No.	Bleeding time \pm standard error
53	270.0 ± 54.08
56	277.5 ± 36.90
ticlopidine	1127.5 ± 72.50 (note)
the solvent	305.0 ± 77.23

(Note) 2 < 0.05 by Mann and Whitney's U test.

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The following Examples illustrate the method for preparing the compound of the present invention in more detail.

Example 1

Preparation of (E)-3-(2-oxopropylidene)-1,4-diphenyl-2-azetidinone (Compound 1)

To a solution of 0.67 g of acetylmethylene triphenylphosphorane in 70 ml of benzene was added at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere a solution of 0.50 g of 1,4-diphenyl-2,3-azetidinedione in 30 ml of benzene, and the mixture was stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the benzene was evaporated, and the residue was applied to silica gel column chromatography (eluent; methylene chloride). The desired fractions were combined, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compound as pale yellow needles. Yield 0.32 g, m.p. 157.5 - 158.5°C

Example 2

Following the similar procedure of that of Example 1, there were obtained the compounds 2 to 118, which were listed in Table 3 including the compound obtained in Example 1.

5			m.p. (°C)	157.5-158.5	149-150.5	130.5-132.5	226-227	174-177	227.5-228.5	147.5-150	222-223	239.5-241	250.5-256
15				methyl	ethyl	ethoxy	phenyl	p-methylphenyl	p-methoxyphenyl	o,p-dimethoxy- phenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-chlorophenyl	p-bromophenyl
20			R2	me	etl	eti	phe	p-1	I-d	o, I phe	ď	p-q	p-t
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40			Rl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	pheny1	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl
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5		250-250.5	235.5-236.5	212-213	198.5-200	154.5-159.5	142-144	140.4-141.9	199.5-200.4	188-189.5	300 or above	142-144	147-148.5	172-174	195-196	149.5-151.5
15		p-biphenyl	p-nitrophenyl		l-adamantyl	ethoxycarbonyl- methyl	p-methoxyphenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-methylphenyl	p-methoxyphenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	Ħ.
20		p-bip	p-nit	amino	l-ada	ethoxy methyl	p-met	p-flu	p-nit	p-flu	p-nit	p-met	p-met	p-flu	p-nit	methyl
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30	le 3 (Cont'd)				,•		/1	/1	(1	phenyl	phenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl
35	Table	7	٦	1	7	-	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	2,6-dimethylphenyl	2,6-dimethylphenyl	hyl-p-ch	hyl-p-cl	hyl-p-cł	hyl-p-ch	hy1-5-cł
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5		145-147	140-142	195.5-197	206-208.5	211-213	221.5-224	204.5-207	180.5-183	219.7-221	146-147.5	189-191	200.2-201.5	206 (decomposition)	208-209	211.5-213
15			phenyl	henyl		phenyl	phenyl	henyl	phenyl	henyl	phenyl	henyl	phenyl	henyl	yphenyl	phenyl
20		phenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	phenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-chlorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-methoxyphenyl	p-fluorophenyl
25	£															
30	3 (Cont'd)	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl									enyl	enyl		
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40		2-meth	2-meth	2-meth	p-fluo	ontj-d	p-fluo	p-fluo	o-fluo	o-fluo	o-chlo	o-chlo	3,5-dic	3,5-die	p-brome	p-brome
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15		p-nitrophenyl,	p-nitrophenyl	nyı	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	hyl	nyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	ıyı	p-fluorophenyl
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35	Table 3 (Cont'd)	phenyl	o-methoxyphenyl	m-trifluoromethylphenyl	m-trifluoromethylphenyl	m-trifluoromethylphenyl	p-dimethylaminophenyl	p-carboxylphenyl	p-dichloroacetylphenyl	p-dichloroacetylphenyl					benzyl	benzyl
40		p-bromophenyl	o-metho	m-trifl	m-trifl	m-trifl	p-dimet	p-carbo	p-dichle	p-dichle	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	o-chlorobenzyl	o-chlorobenzyl
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55		41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	20	51	52	53	54	55

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20		p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	methyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	. p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl
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35	Table	o-chlorobenzyl	l(S)-phenethyl	30xy-2-	_4	<u></u>	еку1	nexyl	ıexyl	is(meth	_4		o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methvlphenvl
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				Table :	3 (Cont'd)	(F)				
71	m-methoxy		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	173.5-176.2	6.2
72	m-methoxy		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	194.5-196.5	6.5
73	3,4-dimethoxy	:hoxy	phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	164.5-169	6
74	3,4-dimethox	:hoky	phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	192-195	
75	p-hydroxy		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	166.5-167.5	7.5
16	p-fluoro		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	209.5-211	-
77	p-fluoro		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	225-226	
78	p-fluoro		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	157-159.5	S
79	p-fluoro		o-methylphenyl	oheny1			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	193-195.	2
80	o-fluoro		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	191.3-192.	2.2
81	o-fluoro		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	224.8-226.7	5.7
82	o-chloro		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	213.5-216	٠,0
83	p-chloro	,	o-methylphenyl	henyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	150-151.5	
84	p-chloro		o-methylphenyl	phenyl		-	p-nitrophenyl	, lyns	180-182	
85	p-bromo		o-methylphenyl	henyl			p-fluorophenyl	nenyl	157.4-158.7	1.1

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				Table	Table 3 (Cont'd)	a				
98	p-bromo		o-methy	o-methylphenyl		-	p-nitrophenyl	henyl	180-180.5	rs.
. 87	o-bromo		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	225-227	
88	o-bromo		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	henyl	210-212	
89	p-cyano		o-methy	o-methylphenyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	182.2-187.7	87.7
06	p-cyano		o-methy	o-methylphenyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	180.5-183.7	83.7
91	H		p-methy	p-methylbenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	147-148	
92	Ħ		p-metho	p-methoxylbenzyl	_		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	110-112	
93	Ħ		p-fluor	p-fluorobenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	156.5-158.	58.5
94	æ		o-metho	o-methoxybenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	146.5-148.5	48.5
98	Ħ		o-trifl	o-trifluoromethylbenzyl	ylbenzyl		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	126-127.	.5
96	ш		o-fluor	o-fluorobenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	116-117	
97	ш		m-chlor	m-chlorobenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	145-147	
86	E		p-chlor	p-chlorobenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	157.5-159.5	59.5
66	ш		m-trifl	<pre>m-trifluoromethylbenzyl</pre>	ylbenzyl		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	124-126	
100	171		p-trifl	p-trifluoromethylbenzyl	ylbenzyl		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	107.5-109	60

45	30 35	20	15	5
	Table 3 (Cont'd)	a		
m-meth	m-methoxybenzyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	124-126
3,4-me	3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	148-151
2,4-dic	2,4-dichlorobenzyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	86-96
3,4-dic	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	145.5-148
1-napht	l-naphthylmethyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	167.5-169
o-fluor	o-fluorobenzyl	p-fluorophenyl	heny1	96-97.5
m-metho	m-methoxybenzyl	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	108-110.5
m-trifl	<pre>m-trifluoromethylbenzyl</pre>	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	100-102
p-trif]	p-trifluoromethylbenzyl	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	136-138
3,4-dic	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	111-113
benzyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	111-114
benzyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	127-128
benzyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	118-120
benzyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	82-87
o-chlor	o-chlorobenzyl	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	98.5-101.5

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35	Table 3 (Cont'd)	o-chlorobenzyl	o-chlorobenzyl	o-chlorobenzyl
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Claims

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1. 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R1 is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

(wherein R³ is a lower alkyl group), and R² is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

2. Blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

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$$\begin{pmatrix} R^2 & O & \\ &$$

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

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(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

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(wherein R^2 is a lower alkyl group), and R^2 is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

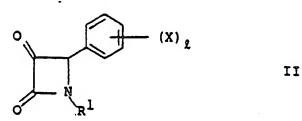
$$(z)_n$$

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(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

- 3. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylidene substituent has the E-configuation.
- 4. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1 or Claim 3, wherein the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-position is of the di-form.
- 5. A process for producing a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula

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wherein R1, X and I are as defined in Claim 1, with a Wittig r agent of the formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}(C_{6}H_{5})_{3}} \mathbb{III}$$

wherein R2 is as defined in Claim 1.

- 6. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a pharmaceutical.
- 7. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agent.
- 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

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